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LISZIEWICZ, et al. : Atty Docket No. RGT 9771
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**For: Method of Delivering Genes into Antigen
Presenting Cells of the Skin**

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**AMENDMENT
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS¹**

The applicants thank the Examiner for an interview 7 June 2005, and forward the enclosed Amendments and Remarks for consideration prior to the first Office Action.

In discussions with the Examiner, the drawbacks to the current scheme for handling document packets, namely taking amendments apart, scanning each part separately, and then rearranging them before electronically transmitting them to the Examiner, have become very apparent. Further, attachments to documents are also separated from the original packet, and may be filed elsewhere. This procedure disrupts the integrity and clarity of the filing, especially in an art unit with a heightened standard of scrutiny, enhanced requirements for supplemental data, and extremely long prosecution timelines. In particular, a required section of introductory comments that is moved to page 5, makes no sense. As a result, information that should have been prominently and conveniently displayed to the Examiner was not considered. Counsel strongly suggests that the PTO take steps to ensure that the documents it presents to the Examiners retain their original structure, and that attachments remain attached.

It is also apparent that the Examiner may not have a hard copy of the file available. If that is the case, large viewing screens capable of displaying two full pages of printed text from two different documents in the same file are a necessity.

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